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INSIGHT



THE MACH READ

Intersection partially closed for construction

Page Road north of its intersection with Richard Ray Boulevard and west of Building 210 will be partially closed Monday to install a security gate. The closure is expected to last about 35 days. One north and one south bound lane will remain open. Base drivers should avoid the area if possible.

NCO Induction seminar and ceremony to be held

Robins Air Force Base will hold a Noncommissioned Officer Induction seminar for newly selected staff sergeants Sept. 8 and 9 in Coats Hall (Building 2051) from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. A light breakfast will be served starting at 6:30 a.m., with an afternoon snack for the inductees. Parking is limited. Following the seminar on Sept. 9, there will be a ceremony for the inductees at the Century of Flight Hangar at 2 p.m.

Neighborhood Mayor meeting scheduled

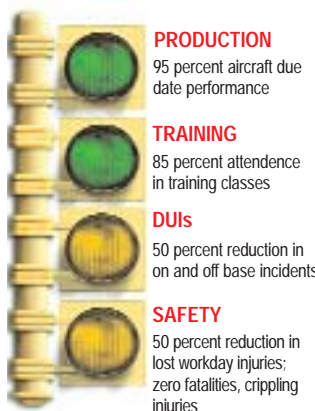
Base residents are invited to attend the introduction of the Neighborhood Mayor program Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. The program is designed to enhance the community environment and quality of life for on-base residents. The intent is to have quarterly meetings with selected mayors and alternates, as well as neighborhood occupants. This program offers residents a chance for proactive involvement in neighborhood decisions and more.

Positions are voluntary and can be filled with military members or spouses.

For more information, contact Donna L. Lonie at 926-3776 extension 26.

ON TRACK

The designated goal day is Nov. 10. The measurement period began April 1 and ends Sept. 30.



WHAT IT MEANS
Green means goal is being met or exceeded.
Yellow means goal has not been met, but is still attainable.
Red means goal cannot be met.

The information reflects Robins' progress toward the goal day as of August 24.

U.S. Air Force graphic by REV-UP STAFF

Now open for business



Sandy Anderson and Senior Airman Amber Sherrod greet vehicles at the new gate Tuesday.

U.S. Air Force photo illustration by SUE SAPP



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Pass and ID is now located in the Visitor's Center at the new front gate.

Relocated services make transitioning easier

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While the newly opened main gate complex may relieve traffic on Watson Boulevard and make the intersection safer for motorists, the relocation of several 78th Security Forces services to the new location

may alleviate a lot of other headaches too.

"Our main goal in relocating some of our services to the new facility was to allow for a smoother transition for our customers," said Master Sgt. Reginald Winborne, 78th Security Forces Squadron staff

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AMS online security breach affects hundreds of Robins Airmen

By 78th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight

WHAT TO KNOW

Officers may log on to the virtual Military Personnel Flight at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/> to learn if their information was viewed. If it was, a pop-up banner after login will provide additional information. Enlisted members who have had their information viewed will be contacted directly.

Airmen may also go to <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/checker> to determine if their personal information was viewed. Airmen can follow Federal Trade Commission guidelines for dealing with identity theft at <http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/index.html>.

Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act, beginning Sept. 1, 2005, everyone is entitled to one free credit check annually. To request this free report, visit <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>.

Any Airman who believes he or she has become a victim of identity theft should contact the local base OSI and legal office. For more information contact the Military Personnel Flight at 327-7361.

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U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Heinz Whatley, Robbie Mullis and Michael Scott, Industrial Services Division metal structural mechanics, move the new flightline barricades into place.

New flight line barrier enhances airfield safety

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The face of airfield safety and security at Robins is taking on a new look. And according to base leaders and airfield management, it's not just for decoration.

The project, meant to separate the industrial area from the airfield by installing hundreds of orange and white barriers, is nearing completion and is just one of the efforts in place to make the airfield more uniform, safe and efficient.

"This project enhances the security of our flight line area and creates a physical boundary between the flight line and industrial area, so there's no mistaking where one ends and one begins," said James Rhodes, 78th Operations Support Squadron chief airfield manager.

While lines painted on the ground once served as the means to separate the two areas, a more visible method was

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THINK SAFETY

AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING
To request a ride, call 335-5218, 335-5238 or 335-5236.

SLOW DOWN ► 535 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY
90/70



SAURDAY
90/71



SUNDAY
89/72



CARLSON

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vibrant community of military and civilian Airmen,” General Carlson said. “I am eager to work with you to improve our core missions of technology, acquisition support and sustainment.”

Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John P. Jumper, presiding officer, lauded both Generals Martin and Carlson and their families for their accomplishments.

“Today is a proud day for the Air Force Materiel Command; it’s a proud day for our Air Force,” General Jumper said. “It’s an old saying that you can tell how important you are by who shows up at your going away and your major events. Based on this audience, I think we can be very proud of Speedy (General Martin) and Bruce.”

General Jumper presented the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award to General Martin for Headquarters AFMC. The award not only recognized the headquarters for its outstanding leadership and support during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom but also for such contributions as a command-wide reorganization, program executive office restructuring and depot and business transformation.

General Martin expressed his admiration for the people of AFMC by saying, “This has been the most satisfying and rewarding assignment of my career.” As he closed, he said, “Ask yourselves if we are worthy to perform this mission,” and then stepping away from the microphone, he yelled, “Yes!”

SECURITY

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were affected. The individual used a legitimate user’s login to access or download the information.

Air Force Personnel Command quickly notified Airmen while following criminal investigation procedures with the Office of Special Investigations.

“Protecting Airmen’s personal information is something we take very seriously, and they’re doing everything they can to catch and prosecute those responsible,” said Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przybyslawski, AFPC commander.

The personnel center notified those affected to let them know how they could best protect themselves from potential risk.

“This was an unfortunate occurrence, and AFPC, along with our Military Personnel Flight here at Robins is working to ensure those affected are taken care of,” said Capt. Renee Daughtry, 78th MPF commander.

SERVICES

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noncommissioned officer in charge. “All of the services with the exception of the issuance of decals or renewals of date stickers are for customers who are coming in from off base and require access to get onto the installation.”

Sergeant Winborne said prior to the move, customers had to be escorted onto the installation by a sponsor and taken to Building 263 to have their services rendered.

“Now when they arrive they can come right into the new visitor’s center and take care of everything,” he said.

The security forces’ operations which have moved to the new location include all automated services or services that are provided via computer and take only one-to-two steps to complete.

“With an automated service we receive the data from the customer, enter it into the system and it produces whatever they are requesting – whether it’s an ID card, a sticker for a car or a visitor control pass,” Sergeant Winborne said. “Those services have an estimated wait time of two- to three-and-a-half minutes per customer if he or she has all needed documentation at the time he or she approaches the window.”

He explained that those services also require limited spacing and require only one computer.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

With the automated service at the new visitor’s center, the pass and ID section can now receive data from the customer, enter it into the system and it produces whatever they are requesting – whether it’s an ID card, a sticker for a car or a visitor control pass.

They include contractor badges, temporary visitor and vehicle passes, all vendor permits, vehicle stickers and updates and services provided at the former visitor’s center at Gate two, which included temporary visitor and vehicle passes.

The services that will remain in Building 263 are what are referred to as manual services, or services like temporary civilian

ID cards, which require several steps to complete.

“The representative must take a photo, cut the photo out, type information on the ID card, place photo on card, laminate the card and cut the card out,” said the sergeant. “This process takes six-to-seven steps, six-to-eight types of equipment and six-to-seven minutes per customer.”

The services that won’t relo-

cate include temporary civilian civil service, Geneva Convention, Army and Air Force Exchange Service ID cards, fingerprinting processes, which can average 15-to-20 minutes per customer, base out processing and restrictive area badges.

Senior Airman Caren Barber, 78th Security forces security clerk, said the move has been all positive thus far.

“The transition is going great,” she said. “We have a lot more room and two more computers so I think we’ll be able to provide even better service to our customers than before. It’s great to be in a new environment.”

Sergeant Winborne said the services provided in the new facility will serve more than 2,000 people each week.

BRAC panel begins final deliberations

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The Base Realignment and Closure Commission generally supported the Defense Department’s recommendations Aug. 24 as the panel began its final four days of deliberations.

The panel met in Arlington, Va., to begin voting on DoD’s proposal to reshape the military infrastructure and eliminate excess by closing 33 major bases and realigning 29 others.

Officials emphasized that the votes are

not considered final until the commission finishes its deliberations Aug. 27.

After its final vote, the panel will send the final report to President Bush by Sept. 8.

The president, if he concurs, will send the final list to Congress, which can accept or reject it in its entirety, but not change it.

Wednesday’s session followed months of hearings around the country regarding the Defense Department’s plan that defense officials said will save about \$49 billion over the next 20 years.

Some Base Realignment and Closure

commissioners have challenged the department’s projected cost savings, as well as the military justification for some recommendations.

The panel voted July 19 to add several military installations to a list being considered for closure during hearings in Washington. DoD had recommended one of those bases, Naval Air Station Brunswick, Maine, for realignment, but not closure.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld defended DoD’s BRAC recommendations during an Aug. 23 Pentagon news briefing and urged commissioners against

going too far in changing them.

“I feel that we made very solid recommendations,” the secretary said. “I suspect the commission, when all is said and done, will endorse the overwhelming majority of these recommendations.”

Secretary Rumsfeld called the plan an opportunity to “reset our force” to make it more efficient and cost-effective.

The recommendations “didn’t come out of mid-air,” he said, but followed two-and-a-half years of study and review that were free of political motivations.

“There wasn’t an ounce of politics in any aspect of it,” he said.

Force shaping Phase II evolves for officers in fiscal 2006

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON – The Air Force’s officer corps is overmanned by about 4,000 Airmen.

In fiscal 2005, the Air Force’s voluntary force shaping initiatives successfully reduced the size of the active duty population to its congressionally authorized level of 359,000.

However, the fiscal 2006 budget trims the Air Force down to 357,400 Airmen. The new population target shows the Air Force will have an overage of officers.

“The Air Force is still experiencing a surplus in officers, particularly in the junior grades,” said Brig. Gen. Glenn F. Spears, Air Force director of force management policy. “We will continue our force shaping efforts until the proper balance and skill mixture is achieved.”

The general said that if the situation were left unresolved, these additional officers would constrain the service’s readiness and operational effectiveness.

Air Force officials recently announced the next force shaping Phase II evolution to address the officer sur-

plus, waiving recoupment of unearned portions of some bonuses and education costs.

“Some of the Air Force programs where recoupment is not pursued include transfers to the Guard or Reserve via Palace Chase, Limited Active Duty Service Commitment waivers, ROTC cadet disenrollment and interservice transfers to the Army via Blue-to-Green,” the general said.

Eligibility criteria differs among the programs and interested officers are encouraged to consult information pre-

sented at the Air Force Personnel Center Force Shaping Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/shape2.htm or their local military personnel flight.

“By further expanding the voluntary force shaping opportunities, the Air Force will continue to shape the force for future operational challenges,” General Spears said. “These recoupment-related initiatives offer additional means for those officers who were considering leaving active duty, but did not want to owe the government.”



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Robbie Mullis straightens some of the new barricades that will define the flight line area.

BARRIERS

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decided on last year.

Lt. Col. Gary Bushey, Airfield Safety and Security Enhancements chairman, said the project is one of Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings’ initiatives, and aims to create an airfield uniform with that of other installations.

“This project is just one that came out of the five solution groups formed to study different facets of the safety and security enhancements on the airfield,” he said.

“While this project will define both areas, there will be additional security measures put in place over the next six to 18 months. It will be an ongoing upgrade to ensure that we’re meeting all safety and security

objectives to protect the assets we have at this facility.”

Another function is a reduction in foreign object damage, or FOD.

“When you decrease the amount of traffic – whether from low speed or contracting vehicles – you reduce the chance of bringing FOD on the flight line,” he said. “It’s a matter of numbers.”

Steve Andrews, 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group industrial engineering technician, said the barriers will also keep things from blowing onto the airfield from other areas.

In addition to the barriers, more FOD checkpoints will also be incorporated into the plan.

According to Mr. Rhodes, privately owned vehicles or POV passes will be greatly decreased.

“We shouldn’t have any

POVs on the newly defined flight line area,” he said. “Only key personnel and government vehicles will be allowed.”

The colonel said all units will participate in an education, communication and training campaign to alert everyone to the new rules and regulations.

“The attitude here has been that we’re a production area, and we’re just here to fix airplanes,” said Colonel Bushey. “It just so happens that our production area is at the back of an airfield. We must not lose the respect for what the airfield is all about, nor each other unit’s mission.”

To ensure the rules are followed, if unauthorized drivers are caught driving in restricted areas, there will be consequences which could result in loss of flight line and industrial area driving privileges.

The project is 99 percent

OTHER PROJECTS

Other projects planned for safety and security enhancements of the airfield include: flight line expansion; led by Jim Rhodes, Frankie Ford, and Steve Andrews; airfield access and control; led by Desi Maldonado and Jim Anderson; vendor and contractor airfield access; led by Devan Mueller and Walter Wolfe; centralized delivery point; led by David Durham and Gus Lane; and parking and transportation; led by Maj. Scott Carlin, Capt. Charles Fletcher and Master Sgt. Donald Payne.

complete and as soon as the roadway is painted, the gaps will be filled in. Completion date is set for mid-September.

Military ball tickets now on sale

Maj. Gen. Michael Collings, Center commander, and the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee will host the 21st Middle Georgia Military Ball on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight Hangar.

The theme for this year’s ball will be the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force’s First Flight of the C-130. The ball will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the ball will be \$40 for base employees. Community members interested in attending should contact their local chambers of commerce for individual and table sales.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Full Spectrum, the jazz ensemble of

the Band of the U.S. Air Force Reserve; the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team; and the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps.

Full Spectrum is a nationally acclaimed musical group, noted for its entertaining blend of musical styles. The group entertains with a mixture of selections, ranging from original compositions by today’s most esteemed composers to the familiar sounds of the Big Band era. This group of 12 musicians has delighted audiences around the world.

The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team serves to foster pride and confidence in our evolving Expeditionary Aerospace Force, inspire Air

Force awareness in the military and civilian community, and encourage young men and women to serve their country. During its 40-year history, the drill team has performed in every state of the union and many countries abroad.

The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps is the only unit of its kind in the armed forces, and is part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry. The musicians in this unit recall the days of the American Revolution as they parade in uniforms patterned after those worn by the musicians of Gen. George Washington’s Continental Army.

The corps has entertained

millions in parades, pageants and historical celebrations throughout the United States. They have served as American goodwill ambassadors as far away as Europe, Australia and Canada.

Organizational ticket monitors will be announced at a later date. Presently, for more information regarding tickets or the military ball, contact Kay Hattaway at wanda.hattaway@robins.af.mil or via phone at 222-3538, or Thelma Phillips at thelma.phillips@robins.af.mil or via phone at 222-3530.

— From staff reports

F-15 team snags 21st Century Partnership award

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The 402nd Maintenance Wing’s F-15 Reported Defects Process Improvement Team here recently won the 21st Century Partnership Team Quality Award for implementing process improvements which resulted in a decrease of reported defects on the weapon system by more than 36 percent.

The semi-annual award, which recognizes and encourages production efficiency, continuous improvement, and cost reduction — elements key to the continued viability of Robins — will be presented in a ceremony today in Building 83.

Mark Johnson, F-15 production squadron deputy chief, said when the F-15 aircraft began experiencing a significant number of in-flight emergencies and requiring approximately five test flights per aircraft, the team was formed to find a solution to the problems. Coordinating with the system engineers and the pilots, they went to work having no idea their results would be award winning.

“We were simply working a problem that was plaguing production,” he said. “We feel ecstatic that we were able to compete as one of the two finalists and the fact that we actually won really feels good because we’ve had a hard time for the last year. A lot of the efforts that the entire team has put forth are coming to be and we feel really good about where we are and what we’re doing.”

The team’s mission was to develop an action plan to reduce both the total number of defects per aircraft and the number of Functional Check Flights or FCFs required to sell an F-15 after completing Programmed Depot Maintenance and Unscheduled Depot Level Maintenance here. The team, composed of members from



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Aaron Smith marshalls an F-15 after a test flight Wednesday at Robins.

WHAT TO KNOW

The award was established in 1994 and has continued to date with numerous teams from across Robins competing for the award. Each winning team has to compete with approximately 12 other teams before being chosen the winner for the particular award period.

across the 402nd Aircraft Maintenance Group, worked to establish a new process to develop a long-term fix to decrease the defects per aircraft and the FCFs.

According to their award submission the new procedures implemented by the team will result in three less test flights per aircraft as well as reduced in-flight emergency rates.

This will enhance the safety of the pilots and reduce workload on emergency response teams, increase jet availability to the war fighter and produce a savings of more than \$1.5 million.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Joe Thibodeau, aircraft electrician, works on flight controls.

Mr. Johnson attributes the win to team work.

“It was our group coming together and working the important issues one at a time,” he said. “We had all of the right players involved and we’re focused on just working through what the primary drivers were and working them to fruition.”

The other finalist for the

award was the C-17 Depot Maintenance Activation Working Group.

“I commend the other team for what they’ve done for team Robins,” said Mr. Johnson. “Everyone who is part of this is a winner and especially the 21st Century Partnership for hosting this and giving teams like ours to get this recognition.”

PUT YOUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ...

The “Put your hands together for...” feature is a monthly installment to the Robins Rev-Up.

Due to the overwhelming number of awards people at Robins receive, we just aren't able to cover them all. This feature is our way of ensuring we give credit where we can. The installment runs in the last issue published each month.

To have an award included in the “Put your hands together for...” page, submit a brief write up of the award and the

people who have earned it. Photos may also be submitted, but space is limited. Submissions should be sent either by e-mail or brought to the Rev-Up office, Suite 106, Building 215. Submissions that are brought to the office should be in Microsoft Word on a disk. Photos can be e-mailed or delivered to the office too.

For more information, contact Geoff Janes by email at geoff.janes@robins.af.mil, or by phone at 926-2137.

>>> 402nd Maintenance Wing wins

FOD Award for third quarter

The Cable and Tubing shop, supervised by Royce Warren, won the 402nd Maintenance Wing’s foreign object damage award for the third quarter.

Mr. Warren came to work as a civil service employee at Robins in 1978. He has been a supervisor for more than five years. Mr. Warren credits his employees with the win.

Kenneth Percell, 402nd MXW director, presented the award in the shop’s break area.

The award was established to raise FOD awareness throughout the wing. Mr. Warren and his employees received a score of 75 out of a possible 75 points. The shop

earned its points by being in compliance with all items on the FOD recognition program checklist, no safety violations were noted during the evaluation and the shop was maintained in a neat and orderly manner.

All shop personnel exhibited a level of FOD awareness that is essential to bring about the cultural change needed to create a FOD free environment.

Mr. Warren said he’s grateful for the award, but feels even better about the fact his people are being recognized for their hard work and dedication.

— From staff reports

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Change of Command

From left, Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Gregory S. Martin, former Air Force Materiel Command commander and Gen. Bruce Carlson, current AFMC commander, stand at attention during the command's change of command ceremony At the at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Aug. 19.

My job is to lead, support, work with and for you

By GEN. BRUCE CARLSON
AFMC Commander

As I accepted responsibility for leading Air Force Materiel Command Friday, I saw with fresh insight the unique character of this diverse command. The AFMC mission is huge, and the successes the people of this command have achieved in carrying out that mission are remarkable. Your example inspires me. Looking from the outside at AFMC's core responsibilities and the work you've done over the past two years, I also must pay tribute to Gen. Speedy Martin. Because of his

vision, I see an organization that became more focused on its core missions, brought unity of command and effort to its management structure, realigned its headquarters to stimulate on-time, on-cost production, reorganized its field units to the standard Air Force wing, group and squadron structure, used manpower standards to build new units in support of acquisition and sustainment, and set new world-class standards for delivery of refurbished and repaired aircraft from its depots. We're going to continue to march down the road General Martin put in place. It's exactly the

right vector. I am excited to join such a vibrant community of military and civilian Airmen. I am eager to work with you to improve our core mission areas of technology, acquisition support and sustainment. I want to discover how we at headquarters can improve our support to the field. And I will continue the emphasis General Martin placed on force development. My first priority is to have a healthy, educated and trained work force ready to do what we need it to do. During the coming weeks, I will be visiting AFMC's instal-

lations. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can, and learning from you more about the work of our command. I hold you in the highest regard, and I trust your judgment, ability and integrity. I'll be looking for your ideas on how we can do the mission faster, better, cheaper. My job will be to lead and support you, work with you and for you as we expand the legacy of continuous improvement, transformation and change for the good. The Air Force depends on us, and I pledge to do all I can to make sure our nation's war fighters can always count on AFMC.

'Dear Roz'

Q: I have two questions regarding National Security Personnel System – I have read that the Department of Homeland Security's new personnel system has been delayed – will this affect the implementation of the Department of Defense's NSPS? Also, is it true my pay will be adversely affected by the implementation of NSPS?

A: It's true that implementation of the DHS personnel system was delayed by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Although there are similarities in the new DHS personnel system and DoD NSPS – the missions and levels of responsibility for both international and domestic security vary. Now, the DoD has indicated it plans to continue efforts in finalizing the new NSPS regulations and implementing it later this year. The timeline calls for congressional notification and publication of the final enabling regulations in the Federal Register by early fall. Thirty days

after this notification/publication, the provisions of the enabling NSPS regulation may be put into effect. The DoD may begin its phased implementation of NSPS at this time. Robins Air Force Base is in Spiral 1.3 (October 2006). All employees will be scheduled for training prior to conversion. The training helps employees transition successfully to the new system. Also, there will be specific subject matter training. Labor relations of will be the first portion to be implemented. Labor training is scheduled to be deployed across DoD in the fall of 2005 and will cover all bargaining unit employees. The remaining provisions will be phased in incrementally by spiral. These provisions include performance management, which requires supervisors to work with employees to establish performance goals and expectations that are aligned with mission-related goals and human resources elements (which includes the appeals system and pay banding).

Training will be provided to all employees at all levels. The answer to the second question is no. Based on past history, the vast majority of employees at Robins (99.99 percent) will benefit by the implementation of NSPS. The NSPS Pay-for-Performance System will reward employees for their contributions to the Center's Missions and Goals and at the same time give employees a sense of being a vital part in the success of their organizations Strategic Alignment and Deployment Plans. Any office that has not received the NSPS Overview should call 926-4023 to schedule this briefing.

Rosalind 'Roz' Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees' NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at www.robins.af.mil.



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Col. Greg Patterson
78th Air Base Wing commander

Commander's
Action Line

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible: Security Forces 327-3445; Services Division 926-5491; EEO Office 926-2131; MEO 926-6608; Employee Relations 926-5802; Military Pay 926-3777; IDEA 926-2536; Base hospital 327-7850; Civil engineering 926-5657; Public Affairs 926-2137; Safety Office 926-6271; Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393; Housing Office 926-3776. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes. To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.

Base Hunting Area Closed

I am the base hunting class instructor for Robins and currently hunting area D (our leased land) is not open due to a problem renewing the lease. I know people have already purchased hunting permits for this area and I am getting a lot of calls on when this will be open again. Can you pleas print an article in the Rev-Up that will inform every one of what is going on and if the money everyone paid for licenses will be refunded. Thanks for your time.

Colonel Patterson's Reply:

Thank you for your support as our base hunting instructor; your volunteerism has contributed to the success of our hunting program. The existing lease on Hunting Area D did expire and the Air Force decided that a license could be entered into by the landowner and the individuals wishing to hunt that land. Additionally a proposed license was prepared by the Base Legal Office and is presently under review by the landowner. When the landowner agrees to the license, Services will open up Hunting Area D to any base hunter willing to sign the license. Meanwhile, Services will gladly provide a refund to those that have already purchased a license for this area.

Housing Lease

We currently live in the privatized housing area, and our lease will expire at the end of July. We were told last summer that we would have the option to renew our lease for one month at a time but when we called today the July 18, we were told that we would have to sign a lease for six months. We are planning on moving out at the end of October and will not be staying a full six months. What are our options?

Colonel Patterson's Reply

Thanks for the call and please accept my apology for any misinformation you may have been provided. While our Privatized Housing Office encourages six-month leases, in cases where a move is certain before a long-term lease would expire, you may use a month-to-month lease option with a 30-day notice before vacating your quarters. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Housing Manager, Mrs. Johnna Phillips at 926-3776.

Military justice

During the period of August 20 through 26, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program for this time period. – 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office

AF Reserve exceeds recruiting goal for fifth straight year

By **SENIOR MASTER SGT. ELAINE MAYO**
Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service

For the fifth consecutive year, Air Force Reserve Command has exceeded its recruiting goal. This year is the earliest the command has achieved its annual requirement. The recruiting year ends Sept. 30.

AFRC Recruiting Service met its 2005 recruiting year goal Aug. 11 when it accessed its 8,800th recruit, and the numbers continue to climb.

As of Aug. 22, recruiters reported a record 9,048 accessions, moving the command closer to meeting its congressionally mandated end strength of 76,100 by the end of September.

“It’s a tough recruiting environment for all the military,” said Col. Francis M. Mungavin, AFRC Recruiting Service commander. “We’ve been able to overcome the challenges and meet the requirements. I’m very happy we were able to make goal and will continue to work toward 100 percent end strength.”

In a congratulatory memo, Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander, wrote, “You continue to amaze me with your accomplishments as the Best Recruiting Force in the Department of Defense – the first force (active and reserve) to achieve annual goal and one of only two reserve recruiting components on target to make goal by year’s end.”

— *AFRC News Service*

► IN BRIEF

Enlisted promotion ceremony Wednesday

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing Commander, will host the monthly 78th Air Base Wing enlisted promotion ceremony Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Base Theater.

Those being recognized will be notified by their first sergeants. Commanders, supervisors, family members, and friends are encouraged to

attend. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

Thrift Shop accepting donations

The Thrift Shop is taking donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside Gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Also, the shop is looking for volunteers to fill various positions. If you have any questions, call 923-1686.

Museum recruits adult volunteers

The Museum of Aviation is recruiting adult volunteers who enjoy meeting people. For more information, call Dan Hart, volunteer coordinator, at 926-6870.

Civil Air Patrol seeks volunteers

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for volunteers from the Robins community. Nationwide, members perform more than 90 percent of all

USAF search and rescue missions with both air and ground assets.

Civil Air Patrol also teaches aerospace classes and helps instill leadership skills in members.

Membership is open to citizens age 18 and older, and there is also a cadet program for kids ages 12-18.

The Middle Georgia Squadron meets Tuesdays at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the ASA training building from 7-9 p.m.

To find out more, go to

www.capnhq.gov, or contact Todd Engelman at 213-4569 or PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net.

Dixie Crows hold monthly meetings

Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, a professional Electronic Combat organization, meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 11:45 a.m. in the atrium of the Officers' Club.

For more information, contact Julie Vick at 926-2264 or Wes Heidenreich at 929-4441.

Pickin' and Grinnin'



Robins employees serve up bluegrass for lunch

By SUE SAPP
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Around noon each day several Robins employees slip away from their work routines and meet under a big shady tree south of Building 215.

With guitars, banjos, mandolins and fiddles, they forget about work for a while and recharge themselves by playing and singing their favorite music – bluegrass.

It's a family tradition for three members of the group. Jackie Ringley and his sons David and Jonathan are all electrical engineers here.

"Jonathan and I just started playing several years back," David Ringley said. "Dad's been playing forever, so we grew up on this music. It's nothing for him to have a bunch of folks over at the house on the weekend to have a picking session."

"He's always had a dream of having a family bluegrass band, so we're trying to help

him realize that dream."

His brother Jonathan explained why bluegrass music is so special to him.

"The music gets in your

with me is just icing on the cake."

Another member of the group, Charles Bartlett, electronic warfare technical writer,

some lessons.

Dan Owen, a contract specialist has been playing mandolin around four years. He inherited his father's, and decided to take it up.

"You have to make time to do the fun things in life," he said.

Everyone in the group agrees that getting together and playing during their lunch hour is a great stress buster.

"Playing during lunch gives you a little 30-minute rest," Mr. Owen said. "When you're concentrating on playing the music, you don't have time to think about other things. Everyone needs a hobby to relieve the everyday stress of work, home, children or whatever it may be."

Anyone interested in playing with the group or just listening to the toe-tapping music is welcome to join them.

"We all just love making music, and we have a good time," said Mr. Bartlett.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

Bluegrass is considered a form of American roots music, relying mostly on acoustic stringed instruments.

soul in a way," he said. "It's almost as if when you're singing a song, you can feel what the person who wrote it felt. I could play all day, every day. To have my dad playing

wanted to play the fiddle since he was a teenager and just never got around to doing it. About six-and-a-half years ago his son gave him a secondhand fiddle and he took



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Top: David and Jackie Ringley (left to right) spend their lunch break singing and playing bluegrass music. According to David Ringley, "When I don't get to play during lunch, the day seems 10 hours long."

Top right: Charles Bartlett took up the fiddle six years ago.

Right: Jackie Ringley, Charles Bartlett, Jonathan Ringley, Dan Owen and David Ringley (left to right) meet at noon to play.

Left: Dan Owen, a 542nd contract specialist, has been playing mandolin for about four years.



TODAY

All-you-can-eat catfish and the fixings are served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

Catfish on the curb is offered Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. To-go dinners include catfish, coleslaw or potato salad and hush puppies for \$5.95.

A series of movies in the park is scheduled featuring "The Empire Strikes Back," Aug. 26, and "The Return of the Jedi," Aug. 27. Movies start at dark in Robins Park. Guests may bring lawn chairs and blankets and concessions will be on sale. Rain or high winds will cancel. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Enjoy Thunder Alley bowling every Friday and Saturday from 9 - 11 p.m. at the Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night. Children 12 years old and younger bowl for \$5; over 12 years old, \$10. Saturdays everyone bowls for \$10 per person. This includes all the games you can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call 926-2112.

Play Joint Forces bingo in the east wing of the enlisted club Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with bar bingo at 6 p.m. and games at 7:15 p.m. Games are 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Anyone with an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, DoD or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information, call 926-4515.

SATURDAY

A dinner dance and buffet will be held at the Robins Officers' Club. Dinner will be held from 6 - 9 p.m. Dancing will be from 7 - 11 p.m. in the ballroom with musical entertainment by Bob Cummings. For more information, call 926-2670.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for non-members. For more information, call 926-2670.

MONDAY

Win prizes at Family Night Bingo at the Smith Community Center Aug. 29. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 6 p.m. Cost is \$3 per package. (Limit three packages per person). This is a 3C event. For more information call 926-1303.

Come out and enjoy line dance lessons every Monday from 6 - 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Cost is \$30 per person, and class size is limited to 40 students. Must be 16 years and older to participate. For more information, call 926-2105.

TUESDAY

Officers' Christian Fellowship meets at 7:15 p.m. at a member's home. For more information, contact Capt. Melissa Cunningham at melissa.cunningham@robins.af.mil or 1st Lt. Ann Walsh at ann.walsh@robins.af.mil.

Karaoke is held at the enlisted club every Tuesday from 8 p.m. - midnight with Bobbie. For more information, call 926-4515.

WEDNESDAY

Dance lessons are given every Wednesday from 6 - 8 p.m. at the officers' club. For more information, call 926-2670.

THURSDAY

Come out to the greatest after work party and ladies night out every Thursday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the enlisted club. Enjoy jazz and rhythm and blues entertainment.

UPCOMING

Come out and learn the latest in line

Services spotlight



U.S. Air Force file photo by SUE SAPP

Sherry Abbott, shop manager, and Allan Carey work on a screen printing job at the Skills Development Center Shirt Shop, located in Building 984 on 10th Street. The Shirt Shop can print custom designs, logos, squadron patches, emblems, and artwork on T-shirts, golf shirts, sweats, and a variety of other items. The Shirt Shop is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the shop at 926-5282.

dancing starting on Sept. 6. Class meets each Tuesday from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. This is a four week class and cost is \$40 per person. Must be 16 years old and older to register. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

The Al-Sihah Shriners circus will be held Sept. 10 and 11 at the Macon Coliseum. Advanced tickets sales are available at ITT; \$10 adults and \$5 children (4 - 12 years). Show times are Sept. 10 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sept. 11 at 1:30 and 5 p.m. For more information, call 926-2945.

The Arts and Crafts Center will be accepting entries from youth and adults for the artist's craftsman and photo contest base-level Sept. 19 and 20. Judging will take place on Sept. 21. Winners will be announced and certificates presented on Sept. 23 at 4 p.m. Open to all military, DoD and immediate family members. For more information, call 926-5282.

Robins Hispanic Heritage Committee presents the Hispanic Spectacular Show Sept. 24 at the Museum of Aviation amphitheater from 7 to 10 p.m. Gates open at 6 p.m. Enjoy a night of cultural music and live performances. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks and beverages. For more information, visit <http://members.cox.net/rafb-hho-2005/>.

The ITT office has tickets for the Oct. 1 and 2 Food World 300 and UAW-Ford 500 at the Talladega Super Speedway in Talladega, Ala. Tickets located in the Talladega section are \$110. This is for both days and includes a pre-pit pass for Sunday race. Tickets are also available for the Oct. 29 and 30 Easy Care Vehicle Service Contracts 200 and Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500 at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. Tickets are \$50 for both days and are located in the east turn section. For more information call 926-2945.

ONGOING

Command Texas Hold 'Em tournament began Aug. 20 and will continue for eight weeks at the Robins Enlisted Club. Sign up is at 12:30 p.m. and games start at 1 p.m. One winner will advance to win the coveted Command Championship with a grand prize of \$1,500. The winner will receive a club card credit in the amount

won (must be a club member to win prizes). This tournament is free to club members, \$15 for nonmembers. For more information call 926-4515.

Get into the fun during the Race & Roll bowling league now through Sept. 2 at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Bowl 15 sessions between now and Sept. 2 whenever lanes are available to receive an exclusive NASCAR driver leather jacket. Cost is \$15 per session. For more information, call the bowling center at 926-2112.

Bring your league sanction card to the Robins Lanes Bowling Center and bowl for \$1.50 a game to keep in form for fall leagues. For more information, call 926-2112.

Link Up 2 Golf at Pine Oaks Golf Course offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$99 per person. The program includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link Up 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble. For more information, call the course at 926-4103.

Short on time for lunch? Try out the new speed menu items at the Fairways restaurant located at the Pine Oaks Golf Course. For more information, call the course at 926-4103.

Individuals living in base housing who provide care for children other than their own for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be licensed. Anyone who provides care on a regular basis and is not licensed is asked to contact Vera Keasley, FCC coordinator at 926-6741 to start the licensing process. Individuals who fail to do so may place their housing privilege in jeopardy, which may be revoked by the mission support group commander. For more information call Family Child Care at 926-6741.

Individuals who have just returned from a 30-day or more deployment are eligible for up to 16 hours of free child care. The Returning Home Care program offers deployed parents up to 16 hours of free child care per child under this unique Expanded Child Care program. Eligible users are active duty members, Air National Guard and Air Reserve members assigned to or living on Robins. The care is provided in the extended duty care FCC

home. Contact Family Child Care at 926-6741 for more information.

Child Care for PCS offers 20 hours of free child care per child to be used within 60 days of active duty members' arriving or departing Robins. Child Care for Volunteers is also available at no cost to parents. The eligibility certificate for each program is issued at the Family Support annex, Building 945. All licensed family child care providers participate in both programs. For more information contact Family Child Care at 926-6741.

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast side of the base, adjacent to the horse stables. The firing ranges are off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business, and are clearly marked with signs and red flags during weapons firing. Also, night firing is conducted throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, call the 78th SFS Combat Arms section at 926-5031.

The Company Grade Officers Association helps young officers to broaden or establish a network, develop career opportunities, make new friends, form a social network and get involved in the community. For more information, visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/cgoa> or call 1st Lt. Allison Guillaume at 327-2659 or 2nd Lt. Niklaus Pleisch at 222-2320.

The Base Legal Assistance Office wants to enhance the convenience of persons who need legal assistance. Active duty, activated reserves and guardsmen, retirees and their dependents are eligible for Base Legal Assistance. Eligible persons are now encouraged to call ahead for appointments or other arrangements. To consult an attorney, appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Powers of attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The Base Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 215, Suite 178, at the north entrance. . Eligible persons who need legal assistance are encouraged to call Stephanie Wynne at 926-3961, ext. 111.

To have an item listed, send it to Geoff Janes at vance.janes@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Johnny Depp, Freddie Highmore

Charlie Bucket, a boy from an impoverished family under the shadow of a giant chocolate factory, wins a candy bar contest and is given a tour, along with four other children, of the amazing factory run by the eccentric Willy Wonka and his staff of Oompa-Loompas. Rated PG (quirky situations, action, mild language) 106 minutes

SATURDAY

Bad News Bears
Billy Bob Thornton, Greg Kinnear

Morris, a former pro baseball player who is more interested in boozing and broads than baseball, is lured back into the game by Liz, an attorney whose class action suit has forced the Little League to accept all players, regardless of their abilities. As the new coach of the Bears, the most losing team in Little League history, Morris has his work cut out for him. Rated PG-13 (rude behavior, language, sexuality, thematic elements) 111 minutes

UPCOMING

Sky High
Kurt Russell, Michael Angarano

When you're the son of the world's most legendary superheroes, The Commander and Jetstream, there is only one school for you - Sky High. Rated PG (action violence, language) 102 minutes

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the

Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Geoff Janes at vance.janes@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

The following person has been approved as a participant in the leave transfer program. Mary Beth Rawls, WR-ALC/FMRD. Point of contact is Andrea Akles at 222-2366.

Obeying road rules saves lives

By **CHRISSE ZDRAKAS**
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You are riding along on your motorcycle, slicing through the air on two wheels, enjoying the exhilaration of being in command of a powerful machine and the freedom of the open road.

It’s a perfect day. You hear your own voice shouting, “Man, this is great.” It drowns out the smaller, softer voice whispering, “Be careful.”

Unexpectedly, your tires hit the dirt. Your bike spins, lurches and lands on its side inches away from heavy, fast-moving traffic. You scramble to safety and thank the divine hand that reached down and nudged you farther onto the shoulder. You remember the whisper.

How often has a silent voice said “careful,” an admonition that should set off safety bells in your head? The better question is how often did you listen?

Motorcycles are 27 times riskier than cars

Statistics would indicate not often enough, according to Staff Sgt. John Ainsworth of the 78th Air Base Wing Safety Office. Motorcycle accidents are on the rise. Since motorcycles have high performance capability but are less visible and less stable than cars, he said, motorcyclists are 27 times more likely to die in a traffic crash than passenger car occupants.”

“The Air Force has lost nine members to motorcycle accidents (none from Robins) in the first 83 days of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign that began Memorial Day week-end,” Sergeant Ainsworth said. “The fatalities are among 24 lives lost so far, more than the past two years at this same point in the campaign.”

Five crash types account for 86 percent of motorcycle crashes. Most—41 percent— are caused by the motorcycle running off the road; 18 percent, motorcycle or other vehicle runs

WHAT TO KNOW

Any one who regularly brings a motorcycle on Robins must register the motorcycle on base, obtain and display a decal and attend a basic rider's course.

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Specialist Jerry Moringstar, motorcycle safety program administrator, conducts both basic and experienced riders' courses monthly in the parking lot of Building 905. So far this fiscal year, more than 200 have taken the course, including about 50 new riders.

The basic course runs for two full days every month, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the summer (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning in October). The advanced course runs one day at the same times and is held twice a month.

Riders can register at the Center Safety Office, Building 707 at 665 Seventh St. For more information, call Mr. Moringstar at 926-6271. The next basic course will be Sept. 13-14; the experienced riders course will be Sept. 12 and 15.

traffic lights and or signs. Eleven percent are head-on accidents; 8 percent are caused by cars turning in front of the cycle, and 7 percent are related to motorcycles going down in the roadway.

See and Be Seen

“When motorcycles crash, their riders lack the protection of an enclosed vehicle, so they’re more likely to be injured or killed,” Sergeant Ainsworth said. “There are many strategies used for safe riding but one of the most important is to see and be seen.”

Air Force Instruction 91-207 is another great safety resource. It states a rider must wear:

- ▶ A protective helmet (DOT approved) with goggles or full face shield
- ▶ A long sleeve shirt or jacket



U.S. Air Force file photo by **SUE SAPP**
Stephen Feathers accelerates down a practice course during a motorcycle safety class.

- ▶ Full fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens
- ▶ Sturdy foot wear- Leather boots or over the ankle shoes highly recommended
- ▶ Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket during the day and reflective at night.

Common Sense: Don’t Leave Home Without It

“No matter how well equipped or how well trained an operator is, he or she should always be sure to bring their common sense along for the ride,” Sergeant Ainsworth said. “Sometimes people have become statistics simply because they did something they absolutely knew to be risky. Excessive speeding, drinking and riding outside your abilities and ignoring weather and distance constraints are all factors that riders have control over.”

WATCH FOR THE WELLSTON KNIGHT RIDERS

Coming soon will be a Robins motorcycle club and mentorship program, scheduled to gear up in November. The first meeting is tentatively set for Nov. 7 from 1-to-4 p.m. at the base theater.

The purposes of the club--Wellston Knight Riders, officially also Warner Robins Affiliated Motorcycle Association--are:

- ▶ To establish and maintain a spirit of comradeship and esprit de corps .that will enhance the safety of all motorcycle riders, encourage ongoing riding education and skills development and reduce the potential of reduce motorcycle mishaps
- ▶ To set an example for all personnel according to the standards, traditions and customs of the Air Force
- ▶To operate and conduct itself in a manner that provides equal opportunity and treatment for all motorcyclists.

Under the proposed mentor program, one mentor with a minimum of five years' experience will be assigned to up to six inexperienced riders. The mentors will hold one-hour monthly training sessions. Mr. Moringstar said more details will be announced later this fall.

Logistics program broadens careers

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — As the premier logistics training program in the Air Force, the logistics career broadening program provides logistics officers the chance to attain specialized knowledge in their career field.

The two-year program not only provides unique instruction in logistics but also lends opportunities for officers to grow as leaders and managers. The career broadening officer works in various disciplines, learning the functions and challenges of other logistics career fields and can earn professional certifications in program management and acquisition logistics.

“The CBOs gain the whole-sale perspective at an air logistics center and the air logistics centers benefit from the officer’s field-level experience and different perspectives on the problems we face as an Air Force,” said Brig. Gen. Polly A. Peyer, Pacific Air Forces director of logistics. “Countless times each year, this experience is used to mold depot processes and personnel knowledge to maintain and improve support structures. Bottom line, the CBO gets the chance to have a direct influence on service wide logistics issues

from day one, while improving their personal ability to support the flight-line mission.”

These logistics officers also have a chance to work on high-level projects. The program’s officers have developed the new Civilian Achievement Medal, built the Blue School as an introduction to the military for new civilian hires, and served as action officers for the secretary of the Air Force’s “Benchmarking with Industry Project.” These opportunities are designed to foster professional growth, not just as logisticians but also as leaders.

“The logistics career broadening program has evolved into a program for logistics officers that is producing officers with the potential to fill senior leadership positions, both at the air logistics centers and in the field,” said Lt. Col. Brian Yoo, program manager.

The selected captains for the 2005 to 2007 logistics career broadening program will do their training at Hill Air Force Base, Utah; Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.; and the Defense Logistics Agency at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

SELECTED CAPTAINS

Those captains selected for training at Robins AFB are:

- Darren Brumfield
- David Wilson II
- Gaius Barron
- Buddy Elliott Jr
- Gary Durst
- Sean Tunaley
- Aaron Boyd

Those captains selected for training at Hill AFB are:

- Ivan Pennington
- Jean-Jacques Futey
- Kenneth Ocker
- Kenneth Benton
- Aabram Marsh
- Jeremy Wells
- Andy Loving

Those captains selected for training at Tinker AFB are:

- Bradley Garcia
- Peter Abercrombie
- Adam Digerolamo
- John Schloss
- Brady Fischer
- Ashley Cannon
- Charles Dunaway
- Charles Hawkins

►Capt. Mark Guillory was selected for training at DLA.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2ND LT. JOHN ROSS

Draggin’ along

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. -- Staff Sgt. Daniel Arnes trains for a hose-drag event by pulling a fire hose 75 feet before spraying a target with it. The hose drag is the fourth of five events which comprise the firefighter combat challenge here, and simulates real-world tasks of firefighting in a timed competition.

Defense Department officials announce one-year open enrollment for SBP

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Department of Defense officials announced Aug. 19 that military retirees, who opted out of some or all their Survivor Benefit Plan coverage, will have another opportunity to elect coverage during a one-year open enrollment period beginning Oct. 1 and running through Sept. 30, 2006.

Upon a retiree's death, the plan provides an annuity of up to 55 percent of the military retired pay.

Until recently, the annuity for a surviving spouse age 62 or older was reduced to 35 percent to reflect the availability of Social Security benefits.

This reduction will phase out by April 2008, and the full 55-percent benefit will be paid regardless of the spouse's age in accordance with the fiscal 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

Current nonparticipants will be able to elect any

coverage they could have elected previously upon retiring from active service or upon receiving notification of eligibility for Reserve retired pay at age 60.

If they have a reduced election, they may increase their coverage.

A participant with child-only coverage may add a spouse or former spouse to their coverage, and a person may add child coverage to spouse or former spouse coverage.

But those who took coverage and later elected to terminate that coverage are not eligible to make an open enrollment election.

Open enrollment elections require a lump sum buy-in premium as well as future monthly premiums.

The lump sum equates to all back premiums, plus interest, from the date of original eligibility to make an election plus any amount needed to pro-

tect the Military Retirement Fund.

The latter amount applies almost exclusively to those paying fewer than seven years of back payments.

The lump sum buy-in premium can be paid over a two-year period.

Monthly premiums for spouse or former spouse coverage will be 6.5 percent of the coverage elected, the same premium paid by those currently enrolled.

Reserve component members under age 60 and not yet eligible for retired pay do not pay back premiums or interest, but must pay a monthly plan premium "add-on" once their retired pay starts.

Elections are effective the first day of the month after the election is received, but no earlier than Oct. 1.

An election is void if the retiree dies in the two years following an election and all premiums are

refunded to the designated survivor.

To make an open enrollment election, a retiree can complete and submit a DD Form 2656-9, "Survivor Benefit Plan and Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment Election." The form is available electronically at www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/infomgt/forms/eforms/dd2656-9.pdf

For assistance with the form, people can contact the retiree activities office.

Retirees can mail the completed form to the address specified on the form.

Applicants will be formally notified of their cost and have 30 days from the date of the notice to cancel the election by notifying the Defense Finance and Accounting Service or the reserve component, as applicable, in writing.

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All in a day’s work



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‘I’ve been on this job since Feb. 7 of this year. It’s my first federal job. I work directly for the chief and deputy and do all the administrative duties involved such as inputting new employees, making changes to workers’ personal information, and I also do the payroll.

‘My supervisor, Master Sgt. Anthony Wells is wonderful with helping me get into classes to advance my skills.

‘Sometimes, depending on my workload, I get to go to some of the emergencies and that’s exciting to see exactly what they do.

‘I absolutely love my job. I couldn’t have been placed in a better organization. I’m the only female in the department so they look at me as a little sister. We’re all a big family.’